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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Charles
4 Vester "C.V." Bass of Chicago, who passed away on February 4,
5 2014; and

6 WHEREAS, Charles Bass was born in Dockery, Mississippi on
7 June 7, 1932 to Frank and Hattie (nee Bell) Bass; he attended
8 Myrtle Hall High School in Clarksdale, Mississippi and served
9 in the United States Army during the Korean War from March 1953
10 to March 1955; he was discharged as Private First Class; he
11 settled in Chicago in 1955 and married Carrie that same year;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Charles Bass was an entrepreneur, founding 2
14 businesses in the early 60s; he started B & B Fuel Oil and
15 White Rose Cleaners/Plant; with White Rose Cleaners he served 4
16 locations on the Westside of Chicago for over 35 years; he
17 eventually started a 3rd businesses, B & J Groceries, and a
18 fourth, B & B Construction; B & B Construction provided
19 concrete services to suburban Cook County and Chicagoland
20 communities, and in 1990, the company was involved in the
21 renovation of Buckingham Fountain, with Charles as a Master
22 Cement Finisher; and

1 WHEREAS, Charles Bass was a founding member of Mount Olive
2 Missionary Baptist Church in Chicago, where he established the
3 Usher Board in 1956 and served as its President; he also
4 established the musical group "Gospel Jubilees"; and

5 WHEREAS, Charles Bass was united in marriage to Katherine
6 Reid on December 21, 2012; and

7 WHEREAS, Charles Bass was preceded in death by his parents,
8 and by his brothers, J.C. and Sylvester; and

9 WHEREAS, Charles Bass is survived by his wife, Katherine;
10 his children, Anthony (Carmen), Jacqueline, Frank (Nadine),
11 Brenda (James), Linda, Kabrina (Lacy), and Daryl (Patricia);
12 his brothers, Reverend James (Helen) Bass and Elder Harry
13 (Jessie Mae) Bass; his sister, Mamie James; his sisters-in-law,
14 Barbara Bass, Eula (Edward) Sanders, Velma Jordan, Mary Jordan,
15 and Nancy Jordan; his brothers-in-law, Lionel Jordan and Andrew
16 Jordan; his 16 grandchildren; his 10 great-grandchildren; his
17 many nephews, nieces, relatives, and friends; and his special
18 cousin, Henry Bass; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
20 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 we mourn the passing of Charles Vester "C.V." Bass, and extend
22 our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who

1 knew and loved him; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the family of Charles Bass as an expression of our
4 deepest sympathy.